

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

DATE: July 26, 1993

TO: Councilmember John Hartley

FROM: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Legal Limits on Lobbying and Political Activity by
Balboa Park Institutions

This is in response to your memorandum of July 12, 1993, to City Attorney John W. Witt. You essentially ask about the legal limits on Balboa Park institutions' lobbying and political activities. You also ask the City Attorney to "investigate this matter" to determine whether certain unnamed Balboa Park institutions are in violation of their leases.

The legal limits on institutions that have a contractual relationship with the City or are partially funded by the City are addressed in an extensive Memorandum of Law the City Attorney issued on October 26, 1988 (copy attached). The statement of the law in that memorandum is still valid.

To investigate the factual questions raised by your memorandum, the City Manager and City Attorney will need the names of the particular institutions whose conduct is questioned. The City Attorney will also need the City Manager to provide him with copies of applicable lease agreements or TOT contracts, or both, and copies of documents these institutions were distributing, if any.

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Attachment

cc City Manager Jack McGrory

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